



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLN. OF: TAFT

SERIAL NO.: 10/029,658

FILED: December 20, 2001

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING TISSUE...

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

WRITTEN CONSENT BY ASSIGNEE TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

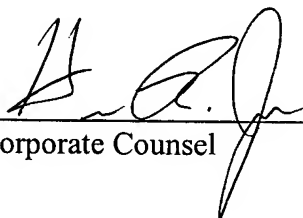
Dear Sir,

The Assignee of the above identified application, Ventana Medical Systems, Inc., hereby consents to correction of inventorship of the above identified application to add as inventors thereof the following individuals: Kurt Reinhardt, Miroslav Holubec and David Bryant.

This change results in Scott Taft of 2668 East Big View Drive, Oro Valley, Arizona 85737; Kurt Reinhardt of 8901 East Bluefield, Tucson, Arizona 85710; Miroslav Holubec of 2045 East Cerrada Nopal, Tucson, Arizona 85718; and David Bryant of 1870 West La Quinta Place, Tucson, Arizona 85737 as the named inventors.

VENTANA MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: December 9, 2002

By: 
Corporate Counsel

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ASSIGNMENT

We, **Scott Taft, Kurt Reinhardt, Miroslav Holubec and David Bryant** of 2668 East Big View Drive, Oro Valley, Arizona 85737; 8901 East Bluefield, Tucson, Arizona 85710; 2045 East Cerrada Nopal, Tucson, Arizona 85718; and 1870 West La Quinta Place, Tucson, Arizona 85737, of the United States of America, having invented certain inventions and improvements in METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING TISSUE SAMPLES FOR SECTIONING and having executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America describing the same and based thereon respectively on the ____ day of _____, 2002; the ____ day of _____, 2002, the ____ day of _____, 2002, and the ____ day of _____, 2002, (and I hereby authorize my attorney(s), authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, when known, Serial No. 10/029,658, filed December 20, 2001) for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged from **VENTANA MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.**, a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 1910 Innovation Park Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85737, U.S.A., (hereinafter called the Assignee), do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the Assignee, its successors, and assigns our entire right, title, and interest, in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to and under said application and the inventions and any of them therein set forth and described, and any and all patents and like rights of exclusion (including extensions thereof) of any country which may be granted on or for said inventions or any of them or any part thereof or on said application or any divisional, continuing, reissue, or other patent application based thereon;

And for the same consideration we do also hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto the Assignee, its successors, and assigns all our rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and all other treaties of like purpose in respect of said inventions and any of them and all parts thereof and said application, and we do hereby authorize the Assignee, its successors, and assigns to apply in our name or its or their own name or names for patents and like rights of exclusion on or for said inventions or any of them or any part thereof in all countries claiming if it or they so desire the priority of the filing date of said application under the provisions of said Convention or any such other treaty;

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And for the same consideration, we do hereby agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors, and administrators, promptly upon request of the Assignee, its successors, or assigns, to execute and deliver without further compensation any power of attorney, assignment, original, divisional, continuing, reissue or other application or applications for patent or patents or like rights of exclusion of any country, or other lawful documents and any further assurances that may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Assignee, its successors, or assigns fully to secure to it or them said right, title, and interest as aforesaid in and to said inventions and any of them and all parts thereof and in and to and under said several patents and like rights of exclusion (including extensions thereof) or any of them, all, however, at the expense of the Assignee, its successors, or assigns;

And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the corresponding Officer of each country foreign thereto to issue to the Assignee, its successors, or assigns, any and all patents and like rights of exclusion which may be granted in any country upon said United States application or other applications or any of them or on or for said inventions or any of them or any part thereof; and we do hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives and agree with the Assignee, its successors, and assigns that we have granted no right or license to make, use, or sell said inventions or any of them or any part thereof to anyone except the Assignee, that prior to the execution of this deed our right, title, and interest in and to said inventions or any of them or any part thereof has not been otherwise encumbered by us, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and seals on the day and year hereinafter noted.

11-22-02

Date

Scott Taft

SCOTT TAFT

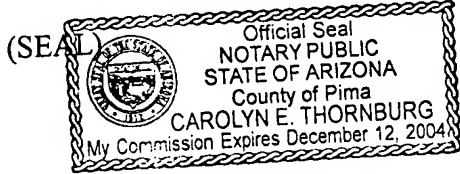
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On this 22 day of November, 2002, **Scott Taft** personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the above-mentioned county, to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing document, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed same for the uses and purposes therein expressed.



Carolyn Thornburg
Notary Public

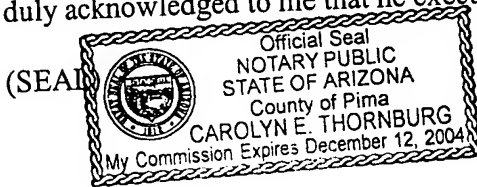
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Date

Kurt Reinhardt
KURT REINHARDT

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STATE OF) ss:
COUNTY OF USA)

On this 13 day of November, 2002, **Kurt Reinhardt** personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the above-mentioned county, to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing document, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed same for the uses and purposes therein expressed.



Carolyn Thornburg
Notary Public

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Date

Miroslav Holubec
MIROSLAV HOLUBEC

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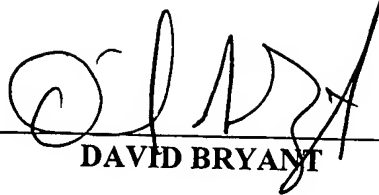
On this 25 day of November, 2002, **Miroslav Holubec** personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the above-mentioned county, to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing document, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed same for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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Carolyn Thornburg
Notary Public

12.3.02

Date



DAVID BRYANT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF
COUNTY OF USA

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On this 3 day of December, 2002, David Bryant personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the above-mentioned county, to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing document, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed same for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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Notary Public

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County of Pima
CAROLYN E. THORNBURG
My Commission Expires December 12, 2004